Decontrol of the prices of Petroleum Products

369. SMT. VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decontrol the prices of all petroleum products except kerosene for domestic use;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) No such decision has been taken by the Government.

Railway accidents

370. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents took place during 1991 and 1992;

(b) the number of passengers killed, injured and loss of goods and property in each case;

(c) the reasons of accidents in each case; and

(d) what corrective steps are being taken and already taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) the number of railway accidents, the number of passengers killed and injured and loss of goods and property during 1991 (Jan. to Dec.) and 1992 (Jan. to Oct.) are as under:

	1991 (Jan.-Dec.)	1992 (Jan.-Oct.)
(i) No. of accidents	525	492
(ii) No. of passengers killed	114	92
(iii) No. of Passengers injured	526	343
(iv) Loss of goods and property (Rs. in lacs)	3274.9	2821.4

(c) the broad causes of accidents ocurred during 1991 and 1992 are as under:

	1991 (Jan-Dec.)	1992 (Jan-Oct.)
(i) Failure of Railway Staff	362	311
(ii) Other than Railway Staff	47	44
(iii) Mechanical equipment failure	44	01
(iv) Track equipment failure	21	18
(v) Sabotage	17	18
(vi) Combination of factors	2	1
(vii) Incidental	25	18
(viii) Cause could not be established	7	9
(ix) Under Investigation	—	50
Total:	525	499